



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Petr Husek) Group No.: 5669

Serial No.: 09/518,342) Examiner: M. Ocampo

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For: SORBENT CARTRIDGE FOR SOLID PHASE EXTRACTION)

Amendment

Box Non-Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2002, please amend the above Identified application as follows. A version of the claims marked to show the changes is attached under the title: "Claims Marked To Show Changes In Claims":

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Once Amended) A sorbent cartridge for use in preparing samples for chemical analysis, comprising:

a pipette tip having a longitudinal axis and a hollow distal tip with tapered walls defining an interior cavity extending along the axis and opening at a distal end of the tip;

a porous barrier in the tapered cavity placed at a predetermined location in the tip to define a sorbent volume between the barrier, the cavity walls and the opening at the distal end of the tip, the barrier allowing processing fluids to pass through the barrier; and